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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- U.N. SUGAR CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS

1. REPRODUCED BELOW IS FULL TEXT OF LETTER DATED JUNE 1
1977 FROM E. JONES-PARRY, CHAIRMAN, U.N. SUGAR CONFER-
ENCE, 1977. LETTER DOES FOLLOWING:

(A) INVITES U.S. TO JOIN A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 GOVERN-
MENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS, IN LONDON, JULY 20 - 29. (REPLY
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REQUESTED).

(B) NOTES IMPORTANCE OF STOCKS AND STOCK FINANCING.

(C) INVITES PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS.

LETTER ALSO SUGGESTS GOVERNMENTS BE REPRESENTED AT
POLICY LEVEL AND BY TECHNICAL ADVISERS.

2. "BEFORE IT ADJOURNED ON 27 MAY 1977 THE UNITED

NATIONS SUGAR CONFERENCE REQUESTED THE CHAIRMAN TO CONSULT WITH GOVERNMENTS AND IN THE LIGHT OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO RECONVENE THE CONFERENCE LATER IN THE YEAR.

WITH THIS IN MIND, I AM INVITING A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 GOVERNMENTS TO MEET IN THE OFFICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION IN LONDON AT 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY 20 JULY. THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE FOR TEN DAYS, UNTIL FRIDAY 29 JULY.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTE IS TO GIVE PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF THE MEETING AND TO INVITE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO BE REPRESENTED. I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL LET ME KNOW WHETHER IT ACCEPTS THE INVITATION.

THE AGENDA OF THE 20 JULY GROUP CANNOT AT THIS EARLY STAGE BE PRECISELY SET OUT. IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT "PROPOSALS BY THE CHAIRMAN", BEING THE DOCUMENT TD/SUGAR.9/EX/R.3 DATED 26 MAY 1977, WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION. MORE ESPECIALLY ATTENTION WILL HAVE TO BE CONCENTRATED ON SECTIONS D, E AND F OF THAT DOCUMENT. IF A GENERAL LESSON EMERGED OUT OF THE SIX WEEK CONFERENCE IT WAS THAT, WHILE QUOTAS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, THE CONCEPT OF STOCK-HOLDING WAS GAINING INCREASING ACCEPTANCE AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN ACHIEVING THE AIM OF STABILIZING THE PRICE. EQUALLY IMPORTANT WAS THE RECOGNITION BY MOST DELEGATIONS THAT A METHOD OF FINANCING MUST BE DEvised TO ASSIST IN THE HOLDING OF STOCKS.

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IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS THAT THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE MEETING OF THE 20 JULY GROUP MUST BE NOT ONLY TO AGREE ON THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS BUT ALSO TO WORK OUT IN DETAIL, WITH FULL REGARD TO THE PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, A SCHEME (A) FOR THE OPERATION OF A SYSTEM OF STOCKS WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH QUOTAS, WILL SERVE TO STABILIZE THE PRICE, AND (B) A SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A FUND TO ASSIST IN THE FINANCING OF STOCKS.

GOVERNMENTS ARE THEREFORE INVITED TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER URGENTLY AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO SUBMIT THEIR OWN DRAFT SCHEMES FOR STOCKHOLDING AND FINANCE WHICH CAN BE CIRCULATED FOR CONSIDERATION BY MEMBERS OF THE 20 JULY GROUP IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

I WOULD VENTURE TO SUGGEST THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BOTH AT THE POLICY LEVEL AND BY ADVISERS EXPERIENCED IN THE TECHNICAL ISSUES INVOLVED."

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